

A wooden cross is centered in the background, slightly out of focus. In the foreground, there are numerous lit red candles, their flames glowing. The overall scene is warm and solemn.

**YOU
ARE
WELCOME
HERE**

Sunday, August 12th, 2012
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Music led by the Praise Team



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“This is the Day”

CCLI 5193770

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SONG # 1:

“Living Water”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Chapter 5

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1–8

Refrain: Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors. R

Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God! R

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41–51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

SERMON

SONG DURING OFFERING: "Dance With Me"

OFFERING PRAYER

God of our life and our resources, we bring these gifts with thankful hearts for all you have done for us. Bless the labor of our minds and hands. We pray that our gifts would create community and justice would be done for all people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.

A time for silent prayer.

That you sustain the church on its pilgrimage from death to life. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That national and political leaders turn from bitterness, wrath, slander, and malice, and speak words of truth and justice. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That you nourish the earth with sun and rain, and that you feed creatures great and small with the harvest of the land. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That you deliver all in trouble, affliction, danger, or need (*especially*). Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That you form us into people who are tenderhearted and forgiving, imitating the sacrificial love of Christ. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be made.

That we take our place with all the saints who ate the bread of life on earth and now share in your heavenly banquet. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER led by the Praise Team

BENEDICTION BY PASTOR

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you his peace.

Amen.

BENEDICTION: "As You Go On Your Way"

CLOSING SONG: "Awesome God" **CCLI # 41099**

Pat Becker's
Stewardship presentation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a **LOST AND FOUND** corner set up in the Fellowship Hall with items on the bulletin board and on the table next to it. These items have been accumulating in the church office so if you would please check and see if any of it belongs to you. Thanks!

YOUTH PROGRAMS—Thursday, August 16th at 7 p.m. there will be a meeting for Bethesda's Youth and Parents to express their concerns and opinions regarding what direction we should be taking with our youth programs. Anyone else interested in participating is welcome. See letter on community bulleting board.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST 26TH & SEPTEMBER 2ND.

PASTOR PAUL & JILL MATTSON have returned from their mission trip to Malawi, Africa and invite everyone for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. and a presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 12th at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Crosby.

For those of you who had your photo taken by **Lifetouch** but did not order any photos, your **complimentary 8x10 photo** is in the office on the bench so please pick it up.

Mark September 14th & 15th on your calendar as the dates for the upcoming **Jamboree**.

This year's **Annual Bazaar** will be held Saturday, October 27th.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF AUGUST 12TH, 2012

Music: Praise Team
Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olson
Ushers: 8:30 Lloyd & Shirley Lilienthal, 10:00 Tom & Gloria Christensen
Lectors: 8:30 Joyce Rimer, 10:00 Carolyn Morris
Coffee Servers: Ross & Joan Niskanen, Ron & Evie Richter

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (8/4 & 8/5/12)

Attendance: Sat. 5:00 – 21 Sun 8:30 – 114 10:00 – 46

Offering: \$ 4,383.31 Building Fund: \$ 950.00 Blessing Box: \$ 280.37

\$ 3,846.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA AUGUST 12TH THRU AUGUST 18TH, 2012

Mon., Aug. 13 th	8:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Aug. 14 th	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	9:30 a.m.	Bells
Wed., Aug. 15 th	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thurs., Aug. 16 th	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
	7:00 p.m.	Youth & Parents Meeting
Sat., Aug. 17 th	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service

August 12, 2012

Is Not This Jesus?

Who in their right mind would choose to be a prophet? What a thankless job! We children of God are so fractious. We say we want to be taught, to be shown how to become closer to our Creator, but then we find fault with those who would guide us. We often say we'd believe in God if we could see miracles with our own eyes, but for those in Jesus' time, even that was not enough. Our preconceptions often color our vision.

Jesus offended many of his peers. "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" they scoffed. "How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" The particular humanity of Jesus blinded them to the divinity he sought to reflect. They didn't understand that he wasn't pointing at himself, but beyond himself. "No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me," he insists. "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.'" The source of Jesus' authority was God, and he ceaselessly urged his listeners to be receptive to that greater teacher.

Every minister, every writer of devotions, every hymnist who inspires speaks by means of the Holy Spirit. Our ego should never preach. Instead, ego should humble itself before the breath of God speaking through us. Jesus was God's chosen, not to draw attention to himself, as his detractors claimed, but to equip each of his listeners to carry the same gospel of love and grace.

Jesus repeatedly chose the metaphor of bread to convey his role, because bread nourishes. An egotist would never have chosen such a humble substance, ground, mixed, and baked by working hands. Jesus was trying to tell his listeners that God sent him to feed and strengthen. His people hoped for a mighty king; instead, they got living bread.

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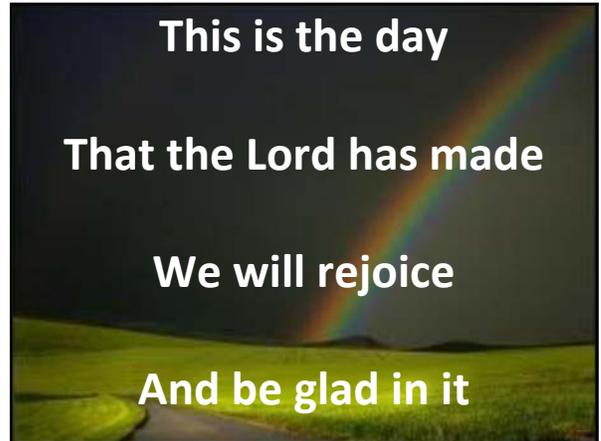


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GLORY
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THIS IS THE DAY



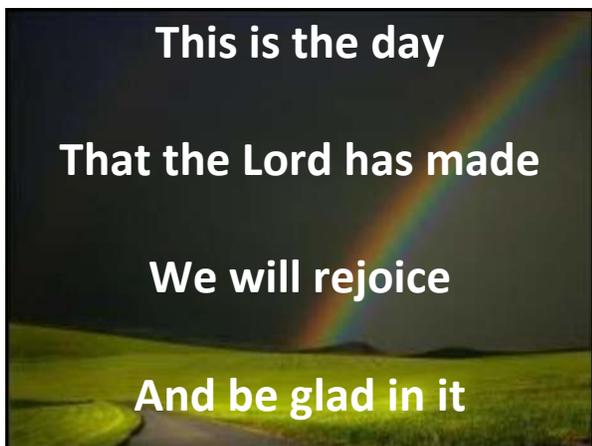
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That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it**



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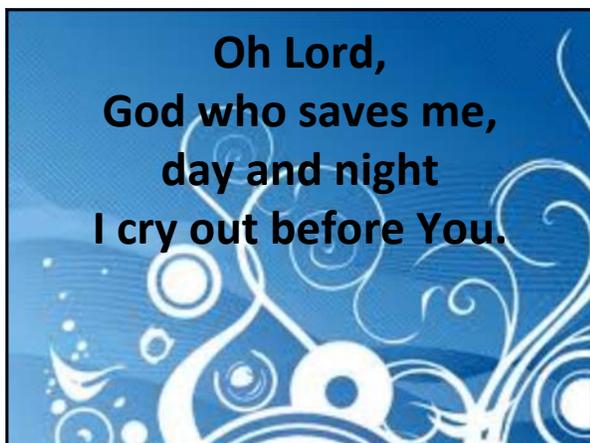
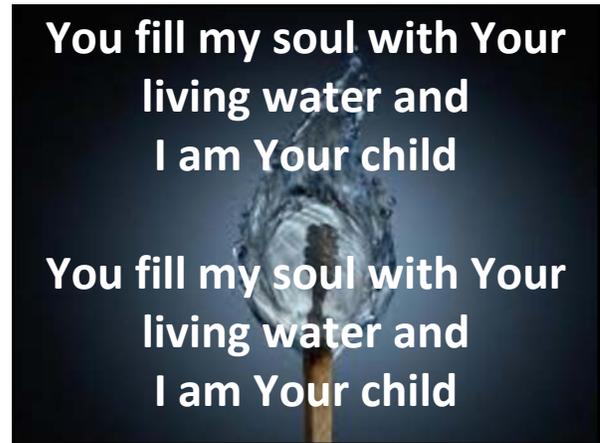
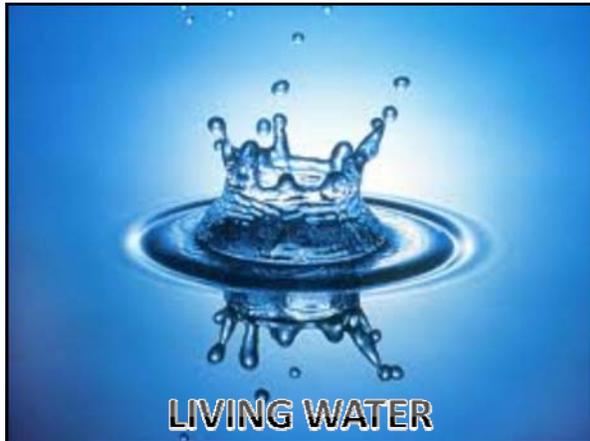
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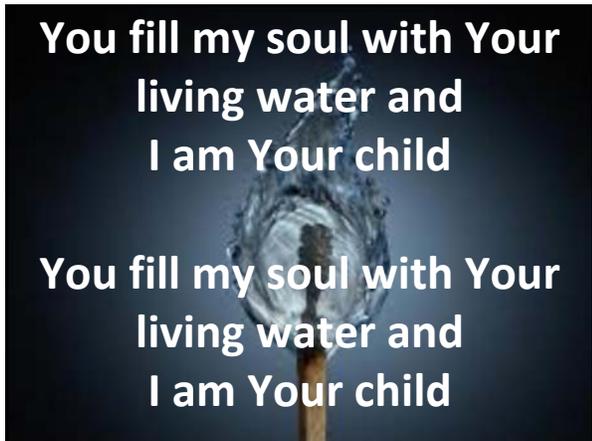
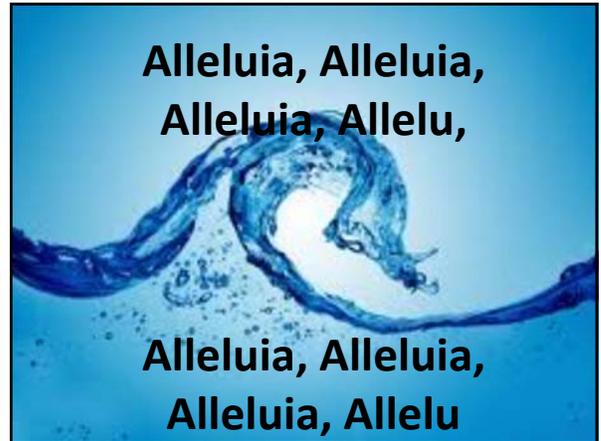


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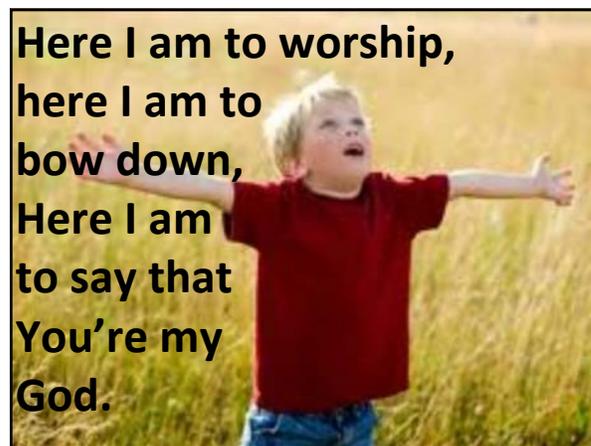
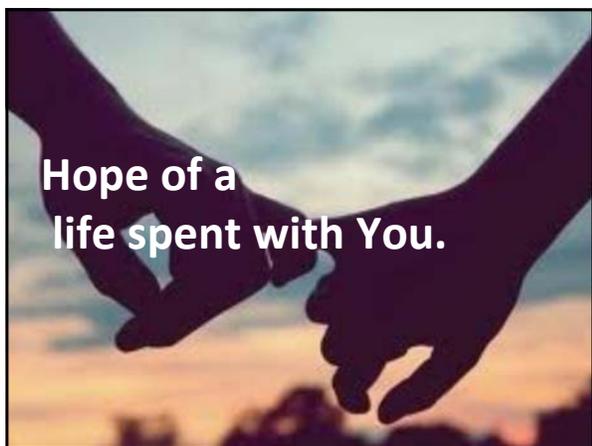
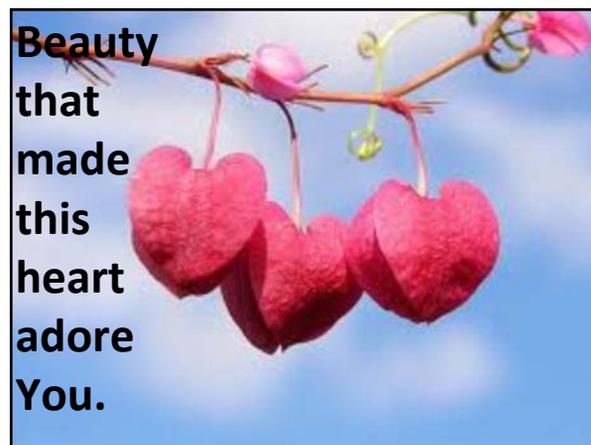
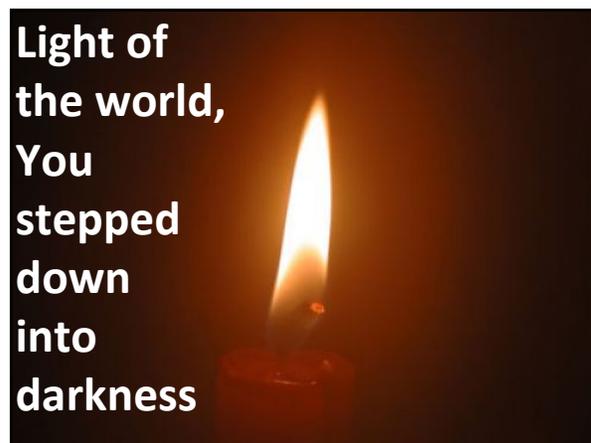
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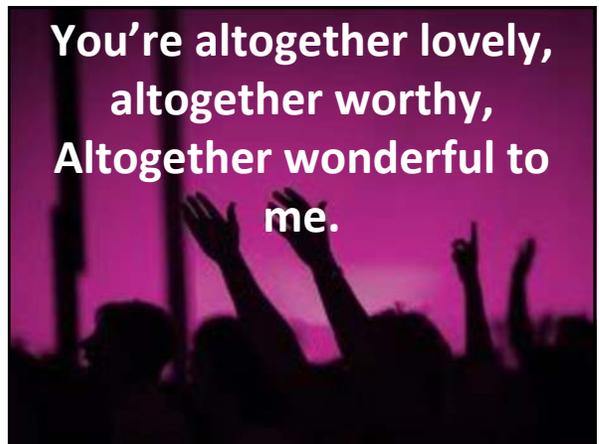
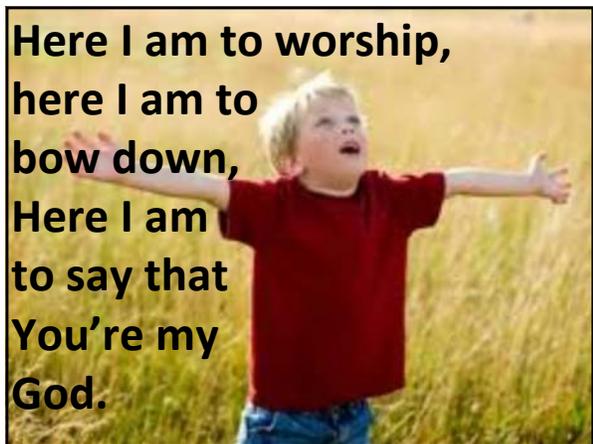
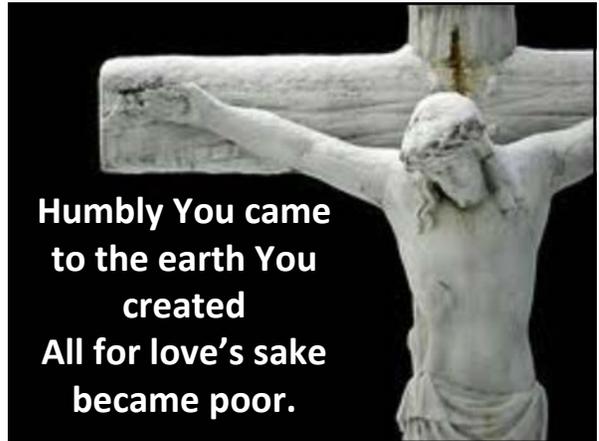
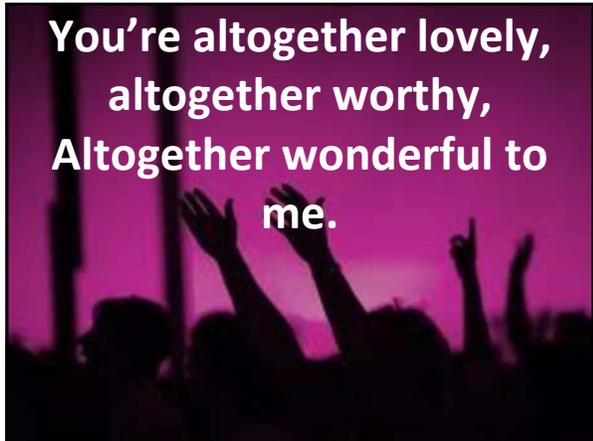


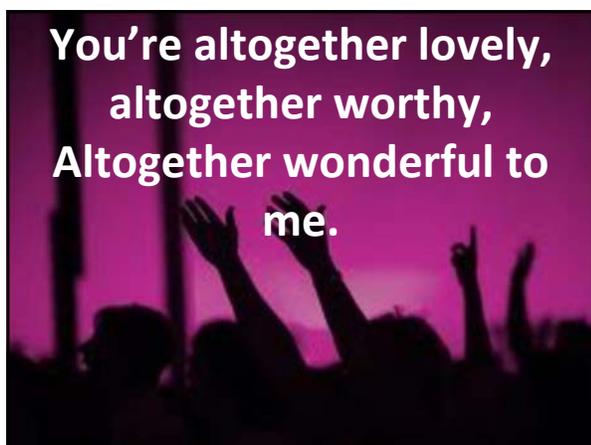
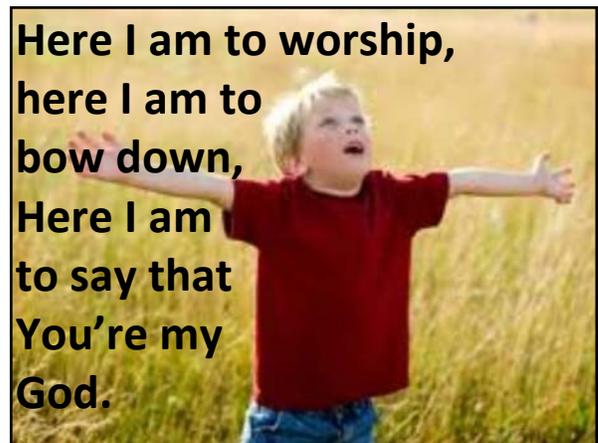
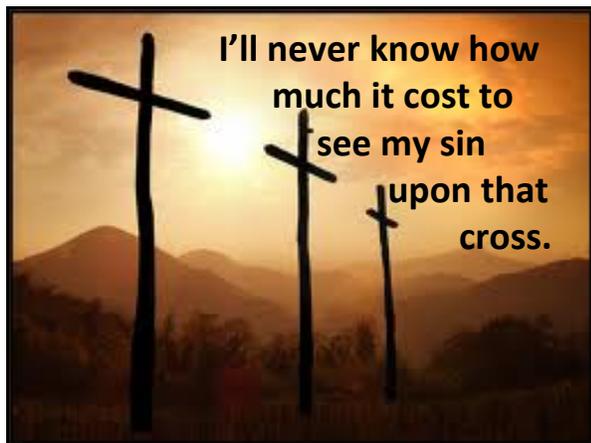
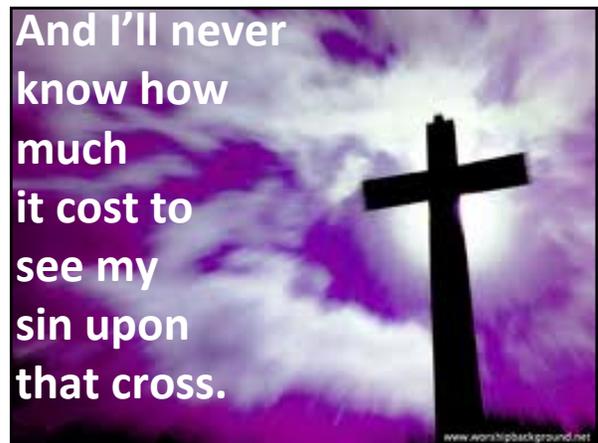
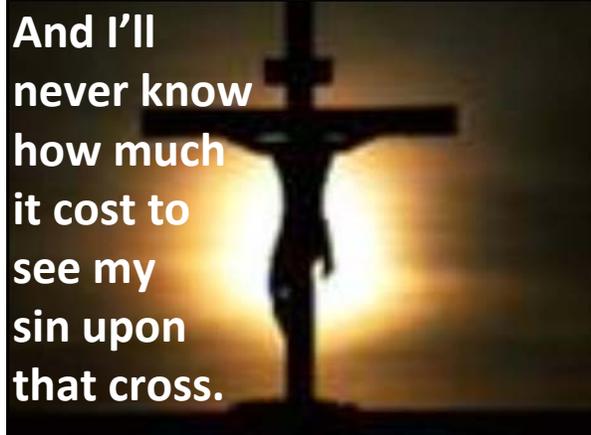


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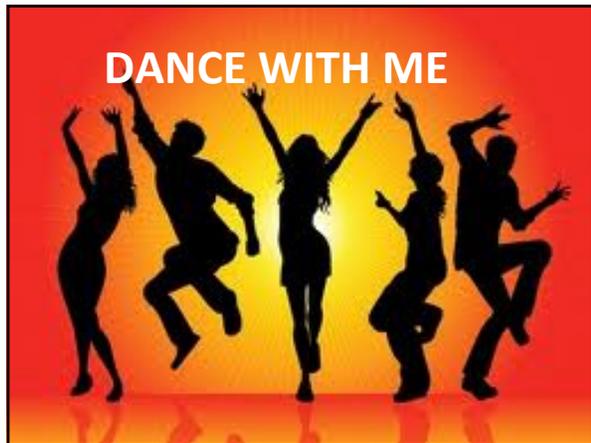
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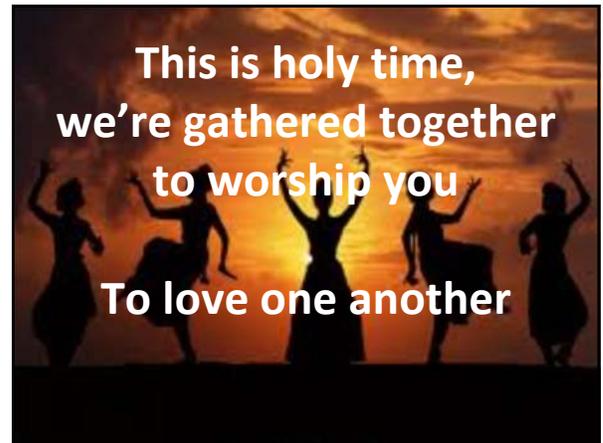




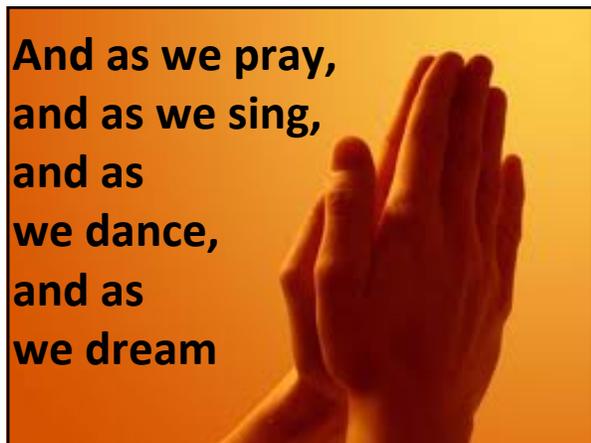
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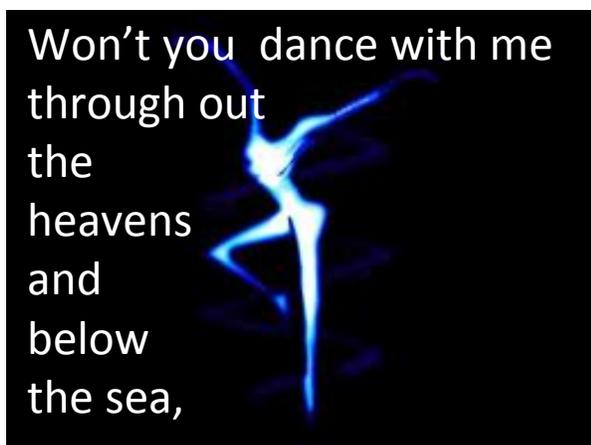
**This is holy time,
we're gathered together
to worship you
To love one another**



**And as we pray,
and as we sing,
and as
we dance,
and as
we dream**



**Oh Lord,
I beg of you,
just this one thing.....**



**Won't you dance with me
through out
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and
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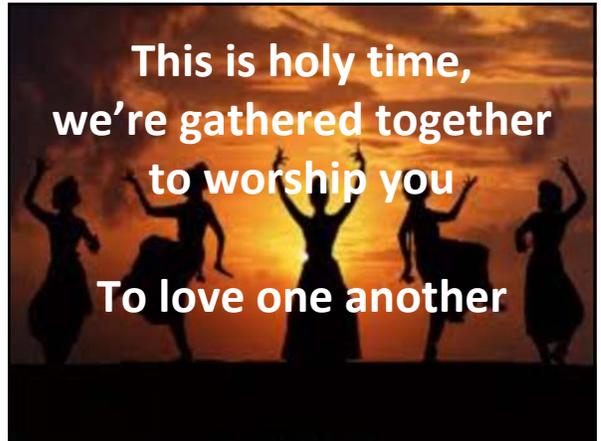
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come carry me,**

Lord won't you dance
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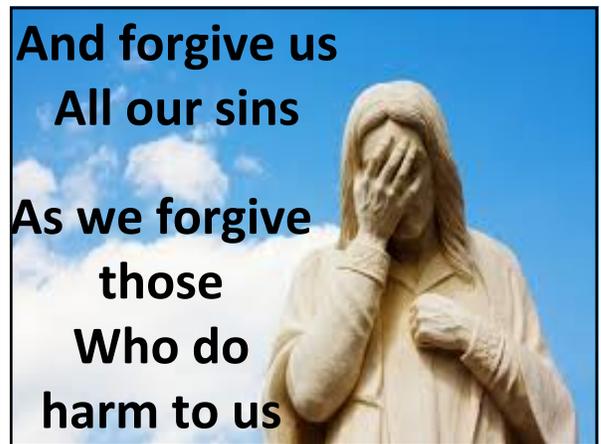
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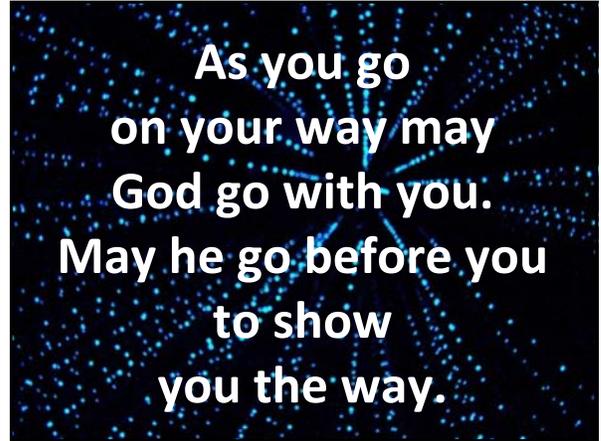




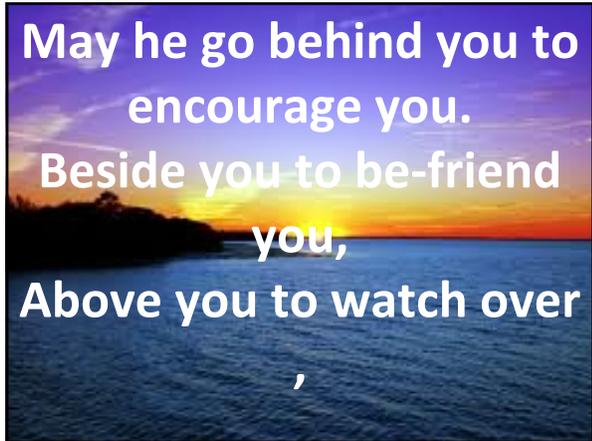
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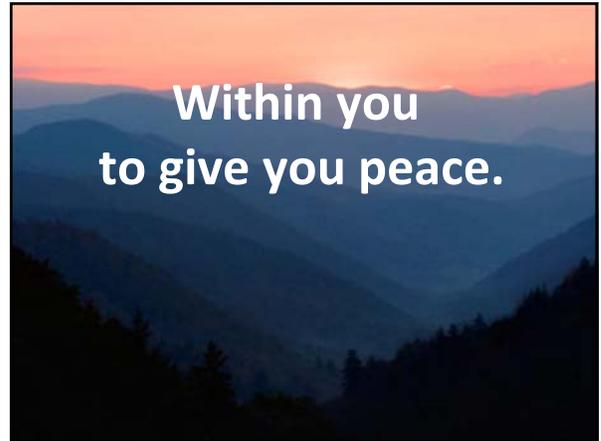
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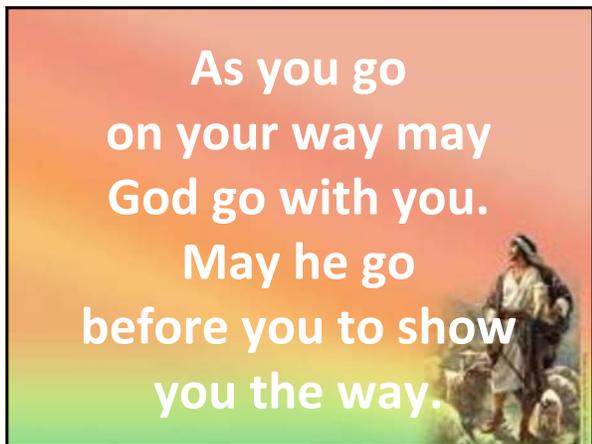
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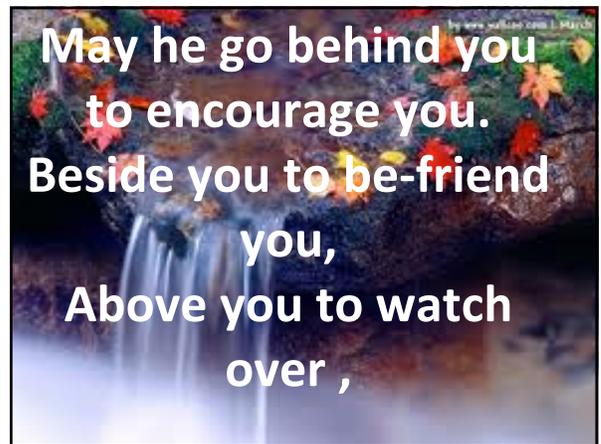
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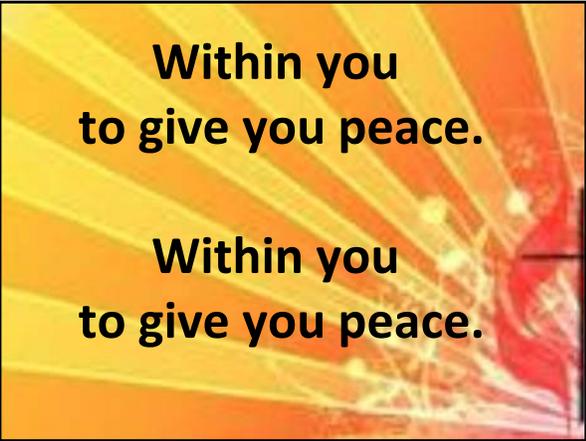
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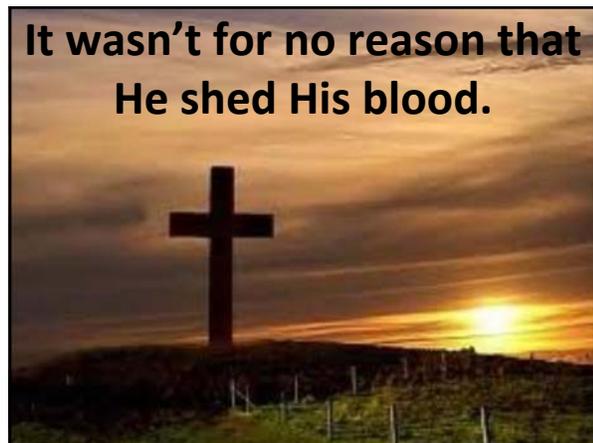
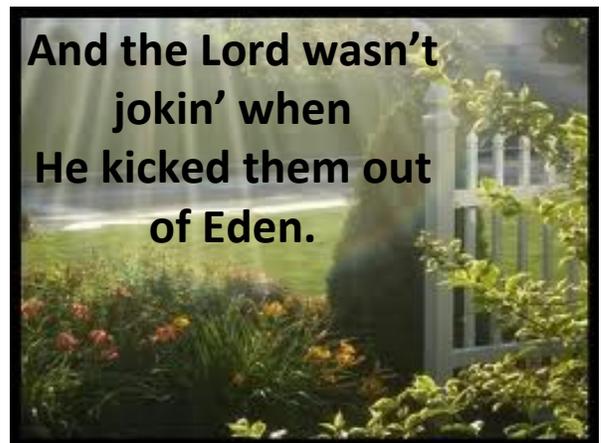


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**And when the sky was
starless
in the void of the night.**

**Our God is an
awesome God**

**He spoke in the the
darkness
and created the light.**

**Our God is an awesome
God**

**The judgement and the
wrath
He poured out on Sodom.**

**The mercy and the grace
He gave at the cross.**

**I hope that we have not
too quickly forgotten**

**that our
God is an awesome God.**

**Our God is an awesome
God**

**He reigns from heaven
above**

**With Wisdom,
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A FINANCIAL REVIEW AS OF AUGUST 9, 2012

ASSETS

PEOPLE'S CHECKING \$20,193.00

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS \$10,240.00

GREATER MN CREDIT UNION \$9,536.00

Scholarships-\$4,564.79 Endowments-\$2,314.44 General-\$2,654.03

EDWARD JONES \$17,000

MEMBERS COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION \$15

TOTAL \$56,984.00

LIABILITIES

Mortgage Building Fund -\$7,500

Church sign - \$4,413

Food shelf \$155

Tax withholdings \$1,000

Endowments 0

Restricted Assets 0

Veggie Stand \$4,654

Designated Benevolence \$2,027

Benevolence Reserve \$2,049

Continuing education \$1,060

Memorials \$2,651

Accrual Funds

Office equipment - \$9.00 Worship/Music - \$6,025 Property -\$6,388

Organ Fund - \$840

TOTAL \$38,771.00

Assets minus liabilities **\$18,213.00**

Income as of July 31, 2012 - \$186,389.00

Expenses as of July 31, 2012 - \$177,055.97

Building Mortgage Balance \$68,869.00

After committees submitted their budget request to the stewardship and finance committee, there was a \$12,000.00 difference between our expected income and expenses. The following is a list of budget cutting measures that our committee is recommending to the council.

Recommendations for 2012-13 budget:

- Honor the increase of \$1,000 in the pastor's salary
- No increase in other salaries
- Extensive cuts in youth and family and Sunday School
- Newsletter not mailed, people can pick up at church and view on web site
- No hourly compensation for nurses but leave the rest of the Wellness Budget
- Designate Blessing Box each month.. examples: Worship & Music for music - Wellness for yarn, mileage, training - Cleaning of fellowship carpet - Website - Heat and lights - Emergency needs
- Take sign money out of liabilities
- Fund Raisers: Ideas include salad luncheon, music programs, fish fry, chicken and corn, ice cream and pie social, food stand at community festival (need committee to explore and come up with ideas and who will be responsible)
- Look at putting signs or locks on thermostats
- Seek an increase in congregational giving